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In re application of: Torsten Niederdränk

ATTY. DOCKET: P03,0228

Serial No.: 10/608,589

GROUP ART UNIT: 2615

Filed: June 27, 2003

EXAMINER: Brian Ensey

For: MODULAR HEARING AID DEVICE

CONFIRMATION NO.: 8450

**Mail Stop AF**

Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 13	MINUS	**20	-- X	( ) X 25.00 ( ) X 50.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 6	MINUS	3	3 X	( ) X 100.00 (x) X 200.00	\$600.00
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$180.00 ( ) \$360.00 ONE TIME	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$600.00

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

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☐ Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ months so that the period for response is extended to \_\_\_\_\_. A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

☒ A check in the amount of \$600.00 is attached.

☐ A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached

☐ A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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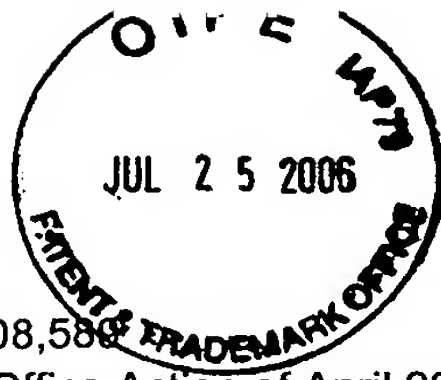
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DATE



Appl. No. 10/608,589  
Reply to Final Office Action of April 28, 2006

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**AMENDMENT D AFTER FINAL**

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Dear Sir:

10      In response to the Final Office Action dated April 28, 2006 ("OA"),  
Applicant Responds as follows and respectfully requests reconsideration of the  
present application..

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

15      **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.